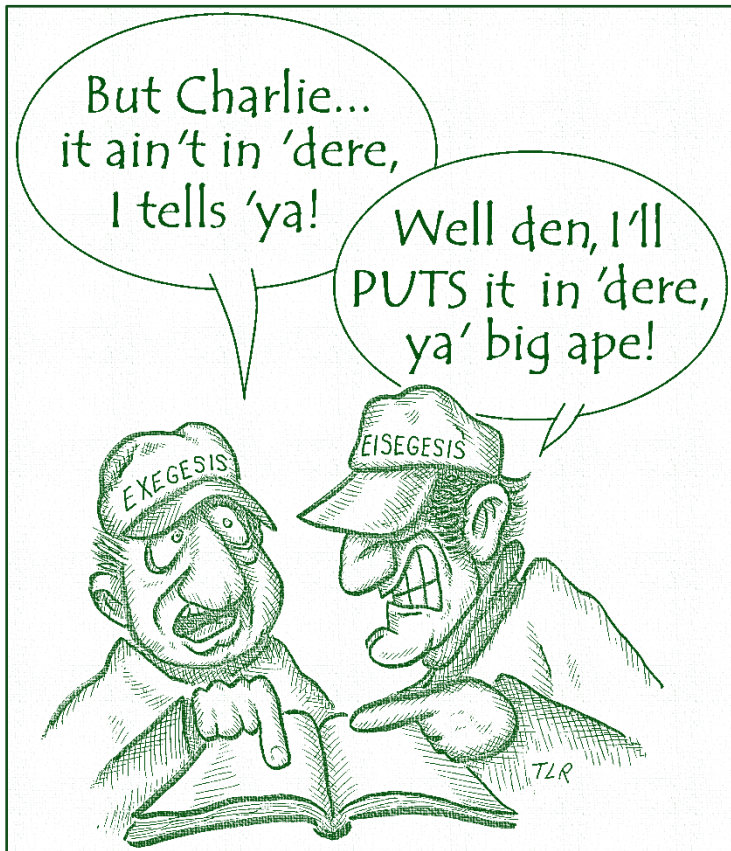


EXEGESIS

VS.

EISEGESIS



"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth."—2 Tim. 2:15 (NASB '95)

VALLEY GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH OF ARMAGH, PA
MAY 18TH, AD 2025

THE LORD'S DAY

The Eighteenth Day of May, *in the Year of our Lord 2025*



- ONE - IS - YOUR - MASTER - AND - ALL - YE - ARE - BRETHREN -



Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—9:30 AM.

Our studies in the Medieval Christianity wrap-up with a survey of the dark history of the Papacy, relating it to recent world events.

Morning Worship—9:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"O, How I Love Jesus"* (#281; Chorus only).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"* (#240).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:1-8.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"Channels Only"* (#91).

Announcements.

Hymn: *"Tell it to Jesus"* (#96).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Message: *"HERMENEUTICS, PT. 6: RIGHTLY HANDLING THE WORD."*

Closing Hymn:* *"God is so Good"* (#433).

Benediction.*



Week of May 11 – May 17

Sunday School—4; Morning Worship—16;

Midweek—3; Weekly Offering—\$559.⁰⁰;

Allegheny Conservative District Conference—12 Total; 2 Valley GBC.

Brethren Heritage & Beliefs Class: Monday, 6:30 PM.



WHY did Alexander Mack form the Brethren Church in 1708? **WHAT** is the difference between the *Church of the Brethren* and the *Brethren Church*? **WHY** did the *Grace Brethren* split from the *Ashland Brethren* in 1939? **WHAT** issues provoked the 1992 Grace Brethren division into 2 rival groups—a *Conservative GBC* and a *Charis Fellowship*? We delve into these matters for a better understanding of historic Grace Brethren distinctives.

Midweek Prayer & Bible Study: Thursday, 6:30PM.



Our Midweek Bible Study: Daniel, chapter 6. Eternity alone will reveal how many lives have been blessed through the means of God's People gathering together in humble little Prayer Circles like our own!

IN SUNDAY SCHOOL we have been using the 2,000 year epoch of the history of Christianity as an opportunity to launch a series of discussions upon a variety of theological issues (e.g., the development of the Canon of Scripture, the Church & civil government, Divine Election, asceticism). Now we are discussing the claims of **Roman Catholicism**. The timing has been quite providential, with eyes of the world now diverted to Rome with the death of Pope Francis and the rise of Pope Leo XIV. We encourage you to make Sunday School a part of your continued advancement and progress in the Faith. Also pray for us as we embark upon what is certain to be a series of controversial **online messages on the errors of Catholicism**. Pray that the Holy Spirit would soften resistance, recreate hearts, and open minds!



GOD CALLS US TO EXEGESIS, NOT EISEGESIS!

Exegesis is ascertaining the meaning "**out of the text**" based upon what is ACTUALLY THERE (i.e., "*What does God's Word truly SAY?*"). **Eisegesis**, however, is reading "**into the text**" what we DESIRE or ASSUME to be there!



Many people are guided by **false authority**, founded upon such things as **rationalism** ("*I think...*"), **emotional-mysticism** ("*I feel...*"), **popular wisdom** ("*The common consensus says...*"), or **man-made tradition** ("*My church has always...*")—as opposed to embracing **Sola Scriptura** (i.e., the Bible ALONE is our Authority). Thus, they ignore God's message for us and import their own preconceived ideas, feelings, and traditions INTO the Scripture!

PASTOR SALOMON ZAMBO ON THE BIBLE GOSPEL

(Facebook post, 5/2/25; edited and translated from the French)

La Bible, la Bible entière et rien que la Bible!

THÈME: RETOUR A L' ÉVANGILE BIBLIQUE

Bonjour à tous! Que la Grâce de notre Seigneur Jésus soit avec tous ce matin!

The Bible, the whole Bible and nothing but the Bible!

THEME: BACK TO THE BIBLE GOSPEL

Hello to all! May the Grace of our Lord Jesus be with you all this morning!

Many preachers preach on the radio, TV, and several other social media platforms. However, to hear them clearly, we find that the Messages are not still a reflection of the Bible Gospel...

The BIBLE Gospel. There is a need beloved to get into the book that has foreseen everything and described without ceasing to not only predict, but also provide adequate solutions to whatever we are going through: ***the Bible, the whole Bible and nothing but the Bible***. The Biblical Gospel consists of explaining, teaching the Biblical text that we read, examining what precedes, the Context, Analyzing the Times, the Words (because each word finds its definition only in the context it is used) and pulling the Applications referring to it.

The word *Gospel* is used in Luke 2:10 "*I bring you good news that will be the subject of great joy for all the people!*" ...The angel's



first statement to the shepherds was that they must rejoice because a Savior has been born to them! They are sinners as much as we are! Jesus was born to save them! There is a whole salvation plan for man! Take this opportunity to go worship the Savior. Jesus is not one of the saviors among so many others! He is *the* Savior! A Savior is born to *you*! Let's grab this Gospel

this morning, this Good News! The Bible Gospel is the only Gospel that opens doors to everything! Because Jesus in whom we believe has received everything from his Father! (Matt. 11: 27). He can do anything and is everything! For in him dwells all the fullness of God bodily! (Col 2:9). The Biblical Gospel has a focus: The Person and Work of Jesus! Is this the Gospel you've always heard? Is this the one you preach to? The Bible Gospel is the only Message that can transform a life because it is the inspired Word of God that teaches, rebukes, and instructs because it is from God that the authors of the Bible wrote, inspired by the Holy Spirit (2Tim 3:15-17; 2Pet 1:21, etc.)...